

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 and add claims 9-21 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine which comprises a mineral and/or synthetic base oil, (A) a succinimide-based ashless dispersant selected from the group consisting of boron-modified bis-type polybutenyl succinimides in an amount of 0.08 to 0.40 percent by mass in terms of nitrogen, (B) a metallic detergent selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate-containing overbased calcium sulfonates and calcium carbonate-containing overbased calcium phenates, each having a base number of 250 to 500 mg KOH/g in an amount of 0.06 to 0.22 percent by mass in terms of metal element, (C) a zinc secondary alkyldithiophosphate in an amount of 0.04 to 0.08 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus, and (D) a phosphorus-containing ashless anti-wear agent comprising selected from the group consisting of amine phosphite salts of phosphorous acid esters in an amount of 0.01 to 0.04 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus and contains sulfated ashes derived from the metal elements in the composition in an amount of 0.3 to ~~0.59~~ 0.8 percent by mass.

2. (currently amended) A lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine which comprises a mineral and/or synthetic base oil, (A) a succinimide-based ashless dispersant selected from the group consisting of boron-modified bis-type polybutenyl succinimides in an amount of 0.08 to 0.40 percent by mass in terms of nitrogen, (B) a metallic detergent selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate-containing overbased calcium sulfonates and calcium carbonate-containing overbased calcium phenates, each having a base number of 250 to 500 mg KOH/g in an amount of 0.06 to 0.22 percent by mass in terms of metal element, (C) a zinc secondary alkyldithiophosphate in an amount of 0.02 to 0.08 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus, (D) a phosphorus-containing ashless anti-wear agent comprising selected from the group consisting of amine phosphite salts of phosphorous acid esters in an amount of 0.01 to 0.04 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus, and (E) a fatty acid amide in an amount of 0.01 to 2.0 percent by mass and contains sulfated ashes derived from the metal elements in the composition in an amount of 0.3 to ~~0.59~~ 0.8 percent by mass.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 which is used in diesel engines equipped with an exhaust-gas after-treatment device.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 2 which is used in diesel engines equipped with an exhaust-gas after-treatment device.

9. (new) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein Component (B) is contained in an amount of 0.06 to 0.18 percent by mass in terms of metal element.

10. (new) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 9 wherein Component (B) is contained in an amount of 0.06 to 0.14 percent by mass in terms of metal element.

11. (new) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein the calcium phenate of Component (B) is a calcium salt of alkylphenolsulfide.

12. (new) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein Component (C) is zinc di(1,3-dimethylbutyl)dithiophosphate).

13. (new) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein the amine phosphite salt of phosphorus acid ester of Component (D) is an oleylamine salt of stearyl hydrogen phosphite.

14. (new) A method of enhancing anti-wear properties and improving high temperature detergency of diesel engines equipped with an exhaust-gas after-treatment device, the method comprising utilizing the composition of claim 1 as a lubricating oil for the engine.

15. (new) The method according to claim 14 wherein the composition further comprises (E) a fatty acid amide in an amount of 0.01 to 2.0 percent by mass.

16. The method according to claim 14 wherein the composition contains a large amount of soot as a contaminant.

17. (new) The method according to claim 14 wherein component (B) is contained in an amount of 0.06 to 0.14 percent by mass in terms of metal element.

18. A method of enhancing anti-wear properties and improving high temperature detergency of diesel engines equipped with an exhaust-gas after-treatment device, the method comprising using as a lubricating oil composition for the engine an oil which comprises a mineral and/or a synthetic base oil; (A) a succinimide-based ashless dispersant selected from the group consisting of boron-modified bis-type polybutenyl succinimides in an amount of 0.08 to 0.40 percent by mass in terms of nitrogen; (B) a metallic detergent selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate-containing overbased calcium salicylates having a base number of 140 to 200 mg KOH/g in an amount of 0.06 to 0.22 percent by mass in terms of metal element; (C) zinc di(1,3-dimethylbutyl)dithiophosphate in an amount of 0.04 to 0.08 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus; and (D) a phosphorus-containing ashless anti-wear agent comprising an oleylamine salt of stearyl hydrogen phosphite in an amount of 0.01 to 0.04 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus, and contains sulfated ashes derived from the metal elements in an amount of 0.3 to 0.8 percent by mass.

19. (new) The method according to claim 18 wherein component (B) is contained in an amount of 0.06 to 0.14 percent by mass in terms of metal element.

20. (new) The method according to claim 18 wherein the composition further contains (E) a fatty acid amide in an amount of 0.01 to 2.0 percent by mass.

21. (new) The method according to claim 18 wherein the composition contains a large amount of soot as a contaminant.